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Figure S1. Patient Selection Flowchart

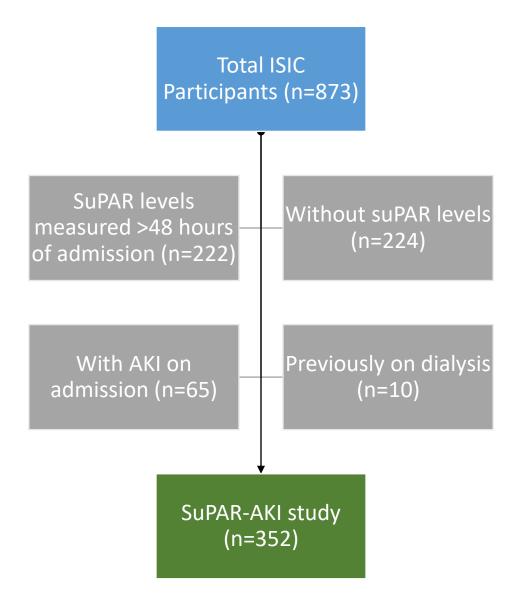
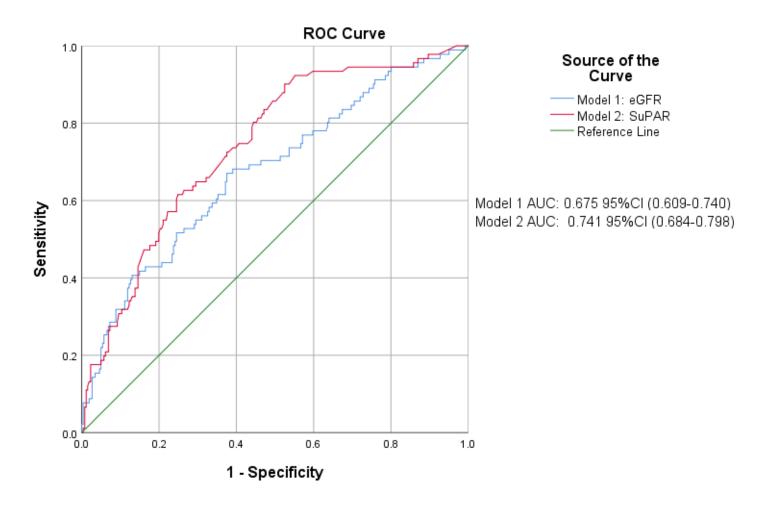


Figure S2. ROC Curves for SuPAR and Admission eGFR



Admission eGFR and suPAR levels were included each in a separate model.

Table S1. Participating centers and number of patients included in the substudy

Institution	Number of patients included
University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI USA	148
University of Copenhagen at Hvidovre, Denmark	91
Attikon University Hospital in Athens, Greece	61
University Hospital of Dusseldorf, Germany	20
University of Thessaly, Greece	20
Charite de Berlin, Germany	12
Total	352

Table S2. Clinical characteristics and inflammatory biomarkers stratified by continent of enrollment

	United States (n=148)	<b>Europe</b> (n=204)	P-value <sup>b</sup>
Clinical Characteristics			
Age in years, mean (SD)	60 (16)	62 (17)	0.27
Male, n (%)	76 (51.4%)	126 (61.8%)	0.051
Black, n (%)	48 (32.4%)	1 (0.5%)	< 0.001
Body mass index kg/m <sup>2</sup> , mean (SD)	32 (8)	2 (5)	< 0.001
Diabetes mellitus, n (%)	50 (33.8%)	41 (20.1%)	0.004
Hypertension, n (%)	85 (57.4%)	84 (42.2%)	0.003
Coronary artery disease, n (%)	19 (12.8%)	15 (7.4%)	0.086
Congestive heart failure, n (%)	22 (14.9%)	7 (3.4%)	< 0.001
Admission eGFR ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> , mean (SD) <sup>a</sup>	80 (29.08)	81 (26)	0.67
Admission eGFR<60 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> , n (%) <sup>a</sup>	39 (26.4%)	51 (25.0%)	0.774
Acute kidney injury, n (%)	53 (35.8%)	38 (18.6%)	< 0.001
Oxygen saturation on admission, % (SD)	93% (8)	95% (4)	< 0.001
Required mechanical ventilation, n (%)	38 (25.7%)	39 (19.1%)	0.142
Required dialysis, n (%)	6 (4.1%)	19 (9.3%)	0.058
Biomarkers <sup>c</sup>			
SuPAR pg/ml, median (IQR)	6.19 (4.95-8.44)	5.00 (3.43-7.00)	< 0.001
C-reactive protein mg/dl, median (IQR)	10.00 (4.60-19.30)	4.65 (1.50-10.13)	< 0.001
Ferritin ng/ml, median (IQR)	606 (263-1350)	455 (204-624)	0.004
D-dimer mg/L, median (IQR)	1.085 (0.62-1.94)	0.39 (0.25-0.63)	< 0.001
Lactate dehydrogenase IU/L, median (IQR)	400 (272-589)	270 (200-366)	< 0.001

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Calculated using the Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemiology Collaboration equation. <sup>b</sup>P-value for the comparison between groups with and without acute kidney injury. Abbreviations: eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate; IQR: interquartile range; IU: international units SD: standard deviation. <sup>c</sup>C-reactive protein levels were available in 301 participants, ferritin in 207 participants, D-dimer in 204 participants and lactate dehydrogenase in 256 participants.

Table S3. Clinical characteristics and inflammatory biomarkers stratified by suPAR tertiles

	SuPAR Tertiles			
	< 4.60 ng/ml (n=117)	4.60-6.86 ng/ml (n=117)	>6.86 ng/ml (n=118)	P-value <sup>b</sup>
Clinical Characteristics				
Age in years, mean (SD)	55 (16)	61 (16)	67 (15)	< 0.001
Male, n (%)	65 (55.6%)	64 (54.7%)	73 (61.9%)	0.479
Black, n (%)	8 (6.8%)	19 (16.2%)	22 (18.6%)	0.022
Body mass index kg/m <sup>2</sup> , mean (SD)	29 (7)	30 (7)	31 (8)	0.029
Diabetes mellitus, n (%)	14 (12.0%)	26 (22.2%)	51 (43.2%)	< 0.001
Hypertension, n (%)	42 (35.9%)	52 (44.4%)	75 (63.6%)	< 0.001
Coronary artery disease, n (%)	9 (7.7%)	8 (6.8%)	17 (14.4%)	0.099
Congestive heart failure, n (%)	3 (2.6%)	5 (4.3%)	21 (17.8%)	< 0.001
Admission eGFR ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> , mean (SD) <sup>a</sup>	90 (20)	81 (26)	70 (30)	< 0.001
Admission eGFR<60 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> , n (%) <sup>a</sup>	12 (10.3%)	27 (23.1%)	51 (43.2%)	< 0.001
Acute kidney injury, n (%)	7 (6.0%)	30 (25.6%)	54 (45.8%)	< 0.001
Oxygen saturation on admission, % (SD)	96 (3)	95 (4)	91 (8)	< 0.001
Required mechanical ventilation, n (%)	3 (2.6%)	21 (17.9%)	53 (44.9%)	< 0.001
Required dialysis, n (%)	1 (0.9%)	5 (4.3%)	19 (16.1%)	< 0.001
Biomarkers <sup>c</sup>				
SuPAR pg/ml, median (IQR)	3.20 (2.57-4.00)	5.60 (5.10-6.00)	9.07 (7.87-11.40)	< 0.001
C-reactive protein mg/dl, median (IQR)	3.50 (0.80-6.20)	6.70 (4.10-11.50)	12.50 (4.70-19.80)	< 0.001
Ferritin ng/ml, median (IQR)	268 (169-554)	486 (262-847)	911 (332-1535)	< 0.001
D-dimer mg/L, median (IQR)	0.521 (0.366-0.748)	0.725 (0.40-1.28)	1.10 (0.550-2.490)	< 0.001
Lactate dehydrogenase IU/L, median (IQR)	240 (195-312)	323 (253-477)	438 (311-614)	< 0.001

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Calculated using the Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemiology Collaboration equation. <sup>b</sup>P-value for the ANOVA for normally distributed continuous variables, Kruskal Wallis test for non-normally distributed continuous variables, and chi-square test for categorical variables. Abbreviations: AKI: acute kidney injury; eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate; IQR: interquartile range; IU: international units SD: standard deviation. <sup>c</sup>C-reactive protein levels were available in 301 participants, ferritin in 207 participants, D-dimer in 204 participants and lactate dehydrogenase in 256 participants.

Table S4. Correlation between suPAR and inflammatory biomarkers

		SuPAR
C-reactive protein	Correlation Coefficient	0.465
	P-value. (2-tailed)	< 0.001
	N	301
Ferritin	Correlation Coefficient	0.320
	P-value. (2-tailed)	< 0.001
	N	207
D-dimer	Correlation Coefficient	0.314
	P-value. (2-tailed)	< 0.001
	N	204
Lactate dehydrogenase	Correlation Coefficient	0.486
	P-value. (2-tailed)	< 0.001
	N	256

Table S5. Determinants of suPAR levels

SuPAR (log-base 2)

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	β, 95%CI	P-value	
Model 0: Clinical Characteristics			
Age, per 10 years	$0.01 \; (0.01 - 0.02)$	0.006	
Male	-0.13 (-0.29 – 0.03)	0.10	
Black	-0.01 (-0.25 – 0.25)	0.99	
Institution (US vs. Europe)	-0.31 (-0.50 – -0.12)	0.001	
Body mass index, per 5 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	-0.01 (-0.07 – 0.05)	0.75	
Diabetes mellitus	0.23 (0.03 - 0.43)	0.022	
Hypertension	-0.08 (-0.27 – 0.12)	0.44	
Coronary artery disease	0.01 (-0.29 - 0.31)	0.94	
Congestive heart failure	0.38 (0.06 - 0.69)	0.019	
eGFR, per 5 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2 b</sup>	-0.02 (-0.04 - 0.004)	0.11	
Oxygen saturation, per 1 %	-0.02 (-0.04 - 0.01)	0.001	
Models 1-4: Biomarkers <sup>a</sup>			
C-reactive protein, per 100% increase	0.14 (0.10-0.18)	< 0.001	
Ferritin, per 100% increase	0.09 (0.03-0.14)	0.003	
D-dimer, per 100% increase	0.13 (0.07-0.19)	< 0.001	
Lactate dehydrogenase, per 100% increase	0.48 (0.36-0.60)	< 0.001	

<sup>a</sup>Each biomarker was evaluated in a separate model that includes the listed clinical characteristics in addition to log-transformed suPAR (base 2). <sup>b</sup>Serum creatinine-derived eGFR measured at the time of suPAR sample collection. eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate. C-reactive protein levels were available in 301 participants, ferritin in 207 participants, D-dimer in 204 participants and lactate dehydrogenase in 256 participants.

Table S6. Determinants of incident acute kidney injury and need for dialysis in hospitalized patients with COVID-19 after excluding 25 patients with suPAR levels measured 24-48 hours after admission.

	Acute kidney injury (n=82)		Renal replacement t	nerapy (n=22)
	OR, 95%CI	P-value	OR, 95%CI	P-value
Model 0: Clinical Characteristics				
Age, per 10 years	0.99 (0.97-1.01)	0.38	0.93 (0.89-0.98)	0.003
Male	0.32 (0.17-0.59)	< 0.001	0.57 (0.19-1.71)	0.32
Black	1.96 (0.84-4.56)	0.12	2.20 (0.29-16.65)	0.45
Institution (US vs. Europe)	0.53 (0.27-1.05)	0.07	14.01 (2.07-94.97)	0.01
Body mass index, per 5 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	0.99 (0.80-1.23)	0.93	0.87 (0.55-1.36)	0.53
Diabetes mellitus	1.39 (0.73-2.67)	0.32	3.87 (1.19-12.63)	0.03
Hypertension	1.15 (0.59-2.26)	0.68	1.61 (0.44-5.93)	0.48
Coronary artery disease	0.76 (0.27-2.09)	0.59	1.04 (0.16-6.60)	0.97
Congestive heart failure	1.11 (0.38-3.25)	0.85	0.41 (0.04-4.52)	0.47
eGFR, per 5 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	0.97 (0.96-0.99)	< 0.001	0.96 (0.93-0.98)	< 0.001
Oxygen saturation, per 1 % increase	0.96 (0.92-1.00)	0.07	0.90 (0.84-0.96)	0.001
Model 1: SuPAR as a continuous variable				
SuPAR, per 100% increase <sup>b</sup>	2.47 (1.58-3.84)	< 0.001	3.66 (1.78-7.52)	< 0.001
Model 2: SuPAR as a categorical variable				
SuPAR <4.60 ng/ml (Tertile 1)	-	-	-	-
SuPAR 4.60-6.86 ng/ml (Tertile 2)	5.58 (2.05-15.16)	0.001	14.32 (1.17-176.07)	0.038
SuPAR ≥6.57 ng/ml (Tertile 3)	8.60 (3.10-23.91)	< 0.001	48.86 (4.06-587.46)	0.002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Each biomarker was evaluated in a separate model that includes the listed clinical characteristics in addition to suPAR. <sup>b</sup>Serum creatinine-derived eGFR measured at the time of suPAR sample collection was used in Model 1 assessing the association between suPAR and acute kidney injury. eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate measured at the time of suPAR collection.